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**ALL FARM
PRODUCTS INDEX
UP 7 POINTS**

The March All Farm Products index for Minnesota was down 1 point from February.

The Crops index for March was down 1 point from February. Prices received by farmers for soybeans for March averaged \$5.39 per bushel, a decrease of 6 cents from the February price. Corn was up 1 cent from February to a March price of \$1.84 per bushel.

The Meat Animal index was down 1 point from last month. The all hog price for March was \$43.00 per cwt., a decrease of 10 cents from the February price. The all beef cattle price for March was \$81.00, a decrease of 50 cents from the February price.

The Dairy Products index was down 9 points from last month. The all milk price for March, at \$12.60 per cwt., was down 80 cents from February.

AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS

Commodity And Unit	U.S.	Minnesota		
	Mar 2006 1/	Mar 2005 2/	Feb 2006 2/	Mar 2006 1/
Barley, Feed & Malting, bu 3/	2.55	2.41	3/	3/
Beans, Dry Edible, All, cwt	19.50	26.60	3/	3/
Kidney, cwt	4/	3/	3/	3/
Navy, cwt	4/	3/	3/	3/
Pinto, cwt	4/	3/	3/	3/
Corn, bu	2.01	1.92	1.83	1.84
Hay, All, Baled, ton	97.10	70.00	66.00	66.00
Alfalfa, Baled, ton	100.00	74.00	69.00	70.00
Other, Baled, ton	86.60	51.00	47.00	45.00
Oats, bu	1.77	1.55	1.59	1.59
Potatoes, cwt	8.31	5.75	6.45	6.40
Soybeans, bu	5.55	5.96	5.45	5.39
Sunflowers, All, cwt	11.10	17.70	15.10	3/
Wheat, All, bu	3.71	3.42	3.89	3.85
Calves, cwt	138.00	130.00	134.00	129.00
Cattle, All Beef, cwt 5/	89.20	82.90	81.50	81.00
Cows, cwt, 6/	49.90	59.60	53.40	53.50
Steers & Heifers, cwt	94.10	88.00	87.30	86.60
Milk Cows, head 7/	--	--	--	--
Hogs, All, cwt	42.40	51.50	43.10	43.00
Barrows & Gilts, cwt	42.80	51.60	43.10	43.00
Sows, cwt	34.40	43.20	31.40	34.50
Lambs, cwt 8/	--	112.00	82.50	--
Sheep, cwt 8/	--	38.90	37.50	--
Milk, All, cwt	12.80	15.90	13.40	12.60
Eggs, Table Market, doz	0.50	0.32	0.25	0.50

1/ Preliminary 2/ Entire month data 3/ Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms 4/ Price not set at the US level 5/ "cows" and "steers and heifers" combined. 6/ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter. 7/ Animals sold for dairy herd replacement only. Prices published in Jan., Apr., Jul., and Oct. 8/ Preliminary prices discontinued Jan. 1996.

MINNESOTA INDEX OF PRICES RECEIVED (1977=100)

Commodities	U.S.*	Minnesota		
	Mar 2006 1/	Mar 2005 2/	Feb 2006 2/	Mar 2006 1/
All Farm Products	113	137	126	125
Crops	117	111	108	107
Meat Animals	116	171	152	151
Dairy Products	98	180	152	143
Poultry & Eggs	113	105	106	120

1/ Preliminary. 2/ Entire month data.

* U.S. based on 1990-92=100 reference replaces 1977 = 100 beginning Jan. 1995.

U.S. INDEX SUMMARY (1990-92 = 100)

Item	Feb 2005	Mar 2005	Feb 2006	Mar 2006
Prices Received	114	119	114	113
Prices Paid (Interest, Taxes, Wage Rates)	137	139	145	144
Parity Ratio 1/	83	86	79	78

1/ Computed by dividing Prices Received Index by Prices Paid Index.

**CORN: Acreage Planted for all Purposes, Harvested for Grain, Yield, and Production,
by County and District, Minnesota, 2004-05**

County and District 1/	Planted Acreage		Harvested Acreage		Yield Per Harvested Acre		Production	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
	-----Acres-----		-----Acres-----		-----Bushels-----		-----Bushels-----	
Becker	25,800	21,100	12,700	13,900	69.0	125.0	876,300	1,737,500
Clay	51,900	38,900	46,100	35,400	104.0	145.0	4,794,400	5,133,000
Clearwater	--	3,600	--	500	--	91.0	--	45,500
Mahnomen	23,100	18,200	16,200	16,000	68.0	124.0	1,101,600	1,984,000
Marshall	--	4,900	--	3,500	--	90.0	--	315,000
Norman	43,500	32,900	39,500	31,700	89.0	131.0	3,515,500	4,152,700
Polk	37,700	22,600	32,400	21,200	76.0	124.0	2,462,400	2,628,800
Red Lake	6,700	5,600	3,600	2,700	49.0	118.0	176,400	318,600
Roseau	--	4,200	--	1,400	--	111.0	--	155,400
Combined Counties	23,200	3,000	6,200	900	51.8	94.6	321,400	85,100
Northwest	211,900	155,000	156,700	127,200	84.5	130.2	13,248,000	16,555,600
Cass	--	6,400	--	2,400	--	124.0	--	297,600
Hubbard	11,100	9,500	8,100	8,400	89.0	156.0	720,900	1,310,400
Combined Counties	13,800	6,000	3,900	1,600	67.7	98.6	264,200	157,800
North Central	24,900	21,900	12,000	12,400	82.1	142.4	985,100	1,765,800
Combined Counties	100	100	100	--	60.0	--	6,000	--
Northeast	100	100	100	--	60.0	--	6,000	--
Big Stone	80,200	75,000	77,900	72,400	149.0	169.0	11,607,100	12,235,600
Chippewa	143,000	145,000	142,200	143,200	158.0	176.0	22,467,600	25,203,200
Douglas	60,400	55,000	53,300	43,600	128.0	160.0	6,822,400	6,976,000
Grant	95,500	91,000	93,400	90,000	145.0	166.0	13,543,000	14,940,000
Lac Qui Parle	163,200	170,000	158,200	165,500	150.0	165.0	23,730,000	27,307,500
Otter Tail	152,400	132,000	128,100	99,700	118.0	139.0	15,115,800	13,858,300
Pope	98,500	95,000	93,200	87,000	135.0	165.0	12,582,000	14,355,000
Stevens	147,700	142,000	143,600	132,500	148.0	170.0	21,252,800	22,525,000
Swift	173,300	166,000	167,400	156,600	142.0	180.0	23,770,800	28,188,000
Traverse	116,400	112,000	109,100	110,900	149.0	160.0	16,255,900	17,744,000
Wilkin	62,800	49,000	60,700	47,900	127.0	142.0	7,708,900	6,801,800
Yellow Medicine	186,800	189,000	180,500	179,200	158.0	166.0	28,519,000	29,747,200
West Central	1,480,200	1,421,000	1,407,600	1,328,500	144.5	165.5	203,375,300	219,881,600
Benton	64,700	59,000	55,700	48,300	122.0	142.0	6,795,400	6,858,600
Carver	61,400	63,000	56,400	58,700	166.0	171.0	9,362,400	10,037,700
Kandiyohi	145,400	148,000	139,200	142,900	155.0	178.0	21,576,000	25,436,200
McLeod	107,600	110,000	104,400	104,300	156.0	181.0	16,286,400	18,878,300
Meeker	119,800	113,000	114,300	106,500	151.0	159.0	17,259,300	16,933,500
Morrison	98,900	90,000	79,200	62,000	92.0	131.0	7,286,400	8,122,000
Renville	258,000	259,000	254,800	255,600	164.0	183.0	41,787,200	46,774,800
Scott	40,500	38,000	36,800	34,500	170.0	163.0	6,256,000	5,623,500
Sherburne	28,800	27,000	27,300	24,300	141.0	158.0	3,849,300	3,839,400
Sibley	144,600	143,000	137,200	138,700	170.0	182.0	23,324,000	25,243,400
Stearns	214,700	203,000	180,500	158,600	144.0	144.0	25,992,000	22,838,400
Todd	76,600	65,000	61,200	49,000	104.0	131.0	6,364,800	6,419,000
Wadena	24,200	22,000	16,800	17,500	93.0	148.0	1,562,400	2,590,000
Wright	79,800	78,000	71,300	68,600	147.0	152.0	10,481,100	10,427,200
Central	1,465,000	1,418,000	1,335,100	1,269,500	148.4	165.4	198,182,700	210,022,000

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County and District 1/	Planted Acreage		Harvested Acreage		Yield Per Harvested Acre		Production	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
	-----Acres-----		-----Acres-----		-----Bushels-----		-----Bushels-----	
Anoka	7,800	7,100	7,200	6,600	84.0	96.0	604,800	633,600
Chisago	26,000	24,000	23,200	21,200	115.0	127.0	2,668,000	2,692,400
Crow Wing	9,200	8,200	6,500	5,800	81.0	91.0	526,500	527,800
Hennepin	16,900	14,300	15,600	13,300	151.0	156.0	2,355,600	2,074,800
Isanti	37,300	33,300	36,200	32,000	112.0	107.0	4,054,400	3,424,000
Kanabec	17,000	13,300	13,300	8,800	94.0	71.0	1,250,200	624,800
Mille Lacs	24,700	20,700	20,300	16,200	122.0	114.0	2,476,600	1,846,800
Pine	20,400	18,200	15,000	9,600	118.0	99.0	1,770,000	950,400
Washington	22,500	21,400	20,900	20,500	140.0	168.0	2,926,000	3,444,000
Combined Counties	3,100	2,500	800	900	78.5	96.6	62,800	86,900
East Central	184,900	163,000	159,000	134,900	117.6	120.9	18,694,900	16,305,500
Cottonwood	180,700	180,000	174,500	172,000	175.0	184.0	30,537,500	31,648,000
Jackson	182,400	184,000	179,400	180,800	180.0	186.0	32,292,000	33,628,800
Lincoln	96,000	101,000	92,200	96,700	142.0	176.0	13,092,400	17,019,200
Lyon	180,700	181,000	176,600	177,500	160.0	180.0	28,256,000	31,950,000
Murray	183,800	183,000	178,500	175,400	159.0	182.0	28,381,500	31,922,800
Nobles	203,500	199,000	198,800	193,600	166.0	187.0	33,000,800	36,203,200
Pipestone	106,300	103,000	100,100	97,800	143.0	176.0	14,314,300	17,212,800
Redwood	240,400	240,000	235,800	236,800	171.0	183.0	40,321,800	43,334,400
Rock	133,600	137,000	127,800	130,400	158.0	190.0	20,192,400	24,776,000
Southwest	1,507,400	1,508,000	1,463,700	1,461,000	164.2	183.2	240,388,700	267,695,200
Blue Earth	184,800	181,000	182,800	179,300	180.0	184.0	32,904,000	32,991,200
Brown	155,900	155,000	145,000	148,200	180.0	176.0	26,100,000	26,083,200
Faribault	203,400	203,000	201,700	200,600	182.0	190.0	36,709,400	38,114,000
Freeborn	179,700	178,000	177,800	174,500	177.0	184.0	31,470,600	32,108,000
Le Sueur	95,100	98,000	92,800	95,000	172.0	160.0	15,961,600	15,200,000
Martin	218,700	230,000	216,200	228,400	192.0	190.0	41,510,400	43,396,000
Nicollet	121,000	122,000	117,800	117,300	173.0	174.0	20,379,400	20,410,200
Rice	83,300	81,000	76,100	70,400	170.0	173.0	12,937,000	12,179,200
Steele	108,100	104,000	105,100	100,200	169.0	182.0	17,761,900	18,236,400
Waseca	118,900	121,000	115,200	118,800	180.0	187.0	20,736,000	22,215,600
Watonwan	129,100	125,000	127,500	123,800	190.0	188.0	24,225,000	23,274,400
South Central	1,598,000	1,598,000	1,558,000	1,556,500	180.2	182.6	280,695,300	284,208,200
Dakota	94,200	91,000	91,700	87,900	174.0	174.0	15,955,800	15,294,600
Dodge	109,000	110,000	103,600	106,200	175.0	187.0	18,130,000	19,859,400
Fillmore	160,600	156,000	150,400	146,200	170.0	191.0	25,568,000	27,924,200
Goodhue	143,800	145,000	132,900	133,800	178.0	176.0	23,656,200	23,548,800
Houston	55,900	57,000	49,200	52,000	166.0	183.0	8,167,200	9,516,000
Mower	188,400	180,000	182,400	177,000	169.0	178.0	30,825,600	31,506,000
Olmstead	110,100	111,000	102,400	106,300	173.0	187.0	17,715,200	19,878,100
Wabasha	87,400	85,000	78,800	78,000	176.0	186.0	13,868,800	14,508,000
Winona	78,200	80,000	66,400	72,600	173.0	185.0	11,487,200	13,431,000
Southeast	1,027,600	1,015,000	957,800	960,000	172.7	182.8	165,374,000	175,466,100
Minnesota	7,500,000	7,300,000	7,050,000	6,850,000	159.0	174.0	1,120,000,000	1,191,000,000

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**FEBRUARY EGG OUTPUT DOWN 1 PERCENT IN
MINNESOTA**

Minnesota layers produced 228 million eggs during February 2006 versus 230 million in February 2005, a 1 percent decrease. Laying flocks in the U.S. produced 6.97 billion eggs in February, up slightly from a year ago.

POULTRY STATS - FEBRUARY

		2005	2006
Total Eggs Produced	MN U.S.	230 Mil. 6,928 Mil.	228 Mil. 6,974 Mil.
Number of Layers	MN U.S.	11.0 Mil. 348.8 Mil.	11.4 Mil. 349.7 Mil.
Eggs per 100 Layers	MN U.S.	2,087 1,986	2,006 1,995
CHICKENS: Hatched (February)			
Egg-Type	MN U.S.	0.8 Mil. 33.9 Mil.	1.0 Mil. 33.7 Mil.
Broiler-Type	U.S.	731.3 Mil.	733.1 Mil.
Eggs in Incubators (March 1)			
Egg-Type	WNC* U.S.	8.1 Mil. 36.8 Mil.	7.9 Mil. 36.5 Mil.
Broiler-Type	WNC* U.S.	23.4 Mil. 658.9 Mil.	23.5 Mil. 665.6 Mil.
TURKEYS: Placed (February)	WNC* U.S.	8.3 Mil. 21.3 Mil.	9.1 Mil. 23.3 Mil.
Eggs in Incubators (March 1)			
	WNC* U.S.	10.9 Mil. 28.1 Mil.	11.4 Mil. 29.9 Mil.

*West North Central Region (Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, North & South Dakota, Minnesota.)

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Director

MARCH MILK OUTPUT UP 3 PERCENT IN MINNESOTA

Totaling 734 million pounds, the state's March milk production was up 3 percent from March 2005.

Output per cow was 1,630 pounds in March, up 60 pounds from last March. Milk cows for March averaged 450,000 head, the same as February, but 5,000 below a year ago.

March 2006 milk output in the 23 major states was 14.6 billion pounds, up 5 percent from March 2005. Milk cows in the 23 states averaged 8.22 million head, up 124,000 from the previous year. At 1,773 pounds, production per cow was 66 pounds greater than March 2005.

FEBRUARY/MARCH 2006 MILK STATS

State	Milk Production		Percent of Previous Year	
	Feb	Mar	Feb	Mar
	Million Lbs.		Percent	
California	3,038	3,427	107	106
Idaho	790	893	108	108
Minnesota	662	734	104	103
New York	964	1,058	105	104
Pennsylvania	860	944	108	105
Wisconsin	1,804	2,010	104	105
23 States	13,022	14,579	106	105

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